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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO PROTECT THE WORLD AND DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

100 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED X WORKS ALONGSIDE THE MAVERICK HUNTERS TO PRESERVE PEACE BETWEEN ROBOT AND HUMANKIND!

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DAWN OF X

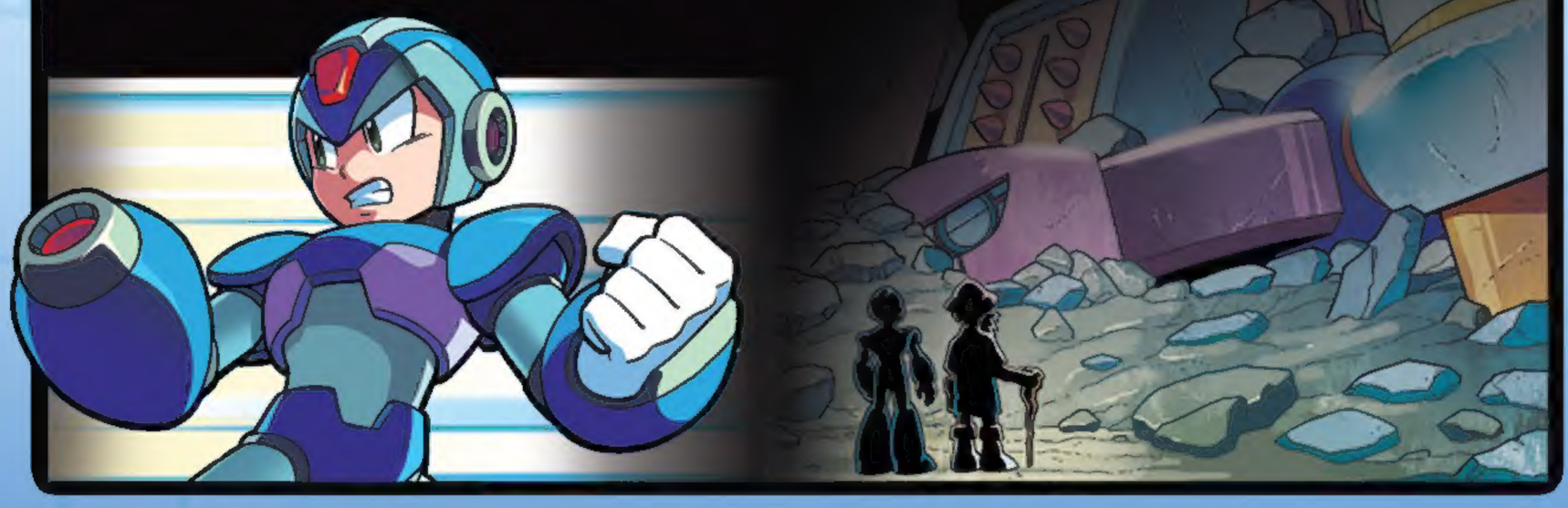
PREVIOUSLY...

In the Present...

Dr. Wily has been cleared of all wrong-doing, and now works with Mega Man to track down eight supposedly rogue Robot Masters and the powerful Energy Elements they stole. Mega Man was sent to investigate an old weapons lab of Dr. Wily's to see if the Robot Masters were hiding there, but found something far worse...

In the Future...

One hundred years later, man and machine coexist as humans and Reploids work side-by-side. X, Dr. Light's final creation, calls upon his friend Dr. Cain at an archaeological dig site – the remains of the very same weapons lab Mega Man was sent to investigate! In the rubble, they find the remains of **a terrible creation...**



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MESA DIG SITE.
YEAR: 21XX.

LOOK AT THE *SIZE* OF THIS THING...IS IT SOME KIND OF ANCIENT MECHANILOID?

THAT WOULD BE MY FIRST GUESS, BUT WE'VE GOT TO UNEARTH IT FIRST--*HOHO!*

X
PRECURSOR TO THE REPLOID RACE

DR. CAIN
X'S DISCOVERER AND INVENTOR OF THE REPLOIDS

WHO KNOWS WHAT OTHER DISCOVERIES ARE WAITING UNDER ALL THIS ROCK?

DAWN OF X

Part 2: THE HUNTERS AND THE HUNTED

HEY! PART OF IT STILL SEEMS TO BE ACTIVE!

INCREDIBLE! IF THE SAMPLES FROM THE REST OF THE DIG SITE ARE ACCURATE, THAT COULD HAVE BEEN RUNNING FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!

NOT FOR MUCH LONGER, I'D WAGER. I THINK ITS POWER CELL IS NEARLY SPENT.

WELL, THAT WON'T DO!

CAREFUL. YOU DON'T WANT TO BREAK SOMETHING OR SET OFF SOME ANCIENT WEAPON SYSTEM.

≒HRK!≒ X, THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO THIS BEING A ≒GRK!≒ RESEARCH LAB. I SINCERELY DOUBT ≒HRG!≒ THEY BUILT A WEAPON AND DROPPED IT DOWN A HOLE.

I JUST WANT TO RECOVER DATA ≒GRFP!≒ STORED ON THIS THING BEFORE IT LOSES POWER!

THERE! LET'S HURRY THIS UP TO--

CLUNK!

VMMM

RRRRRRRUMBLE!

LOOK OUT!

BOOM!

SHATTER!

RRRRRRRRUMBLE!

BLAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!

SMASH!

SMASH!

IT'S...SOME KIND OF WEAPONS PLATFORM!

HEAVEN PRESERVE US...YOU WERE *RIGHT!* WHAT HAVE I DONE?

X! IT'S HEADING TO THE SURFACE! MY DIG TEAM! THE *TOURISTS OUT-SIDE!*

I KNOW. I'LL TRY TO SLOW IT DOWN. YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH HUNTER HQ AND GET THEM TO SEND SOMEONE!

Y-YES. I'LL STAY HERE AND DO THAT. MAYBE I CAN FIND A WAY TO STOP IT AMID THE RELICS...

...NOW GO, X...

"--GO AND SAVE THOSE LIVES!"

REEEEEEEEEEEE

AHHHH!

RUN!

HELP!

MAVERICK!

WHOA! SAMANTHA, RIGHT? ARE YOU HURT?

N-NO! I-I-I...!

WE NEED TO GET EVERYONE OUT OF HERE!

I PULLED THE EMERGENCY ALARM AS SOON AS THAT-- *THING!*--CAME OUT OF THE GROUND!

PERFECT! THE TOURISTS SHOULD ALREADY BE EVACUATING--

"--BEFORE ANYONE GETS HURT!"

FRT GUNS: OFFLINE
SR CHEM: OFFLINE
BTM GUN: **ONLINE**
LR CHEM: **ONLINE**
REAR GUN 1: **ONLINE**
REAR GUN 2: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 3: **ONLINE**
REAR GUN 4: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 5: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 6: **ONLINE**
REAR GUN 7: **ONLINE**

>>ANALYZING...>>EXIT SIZE: INCOMPATIBLE>>RECTIFYING

REEEEEEK!

WHA-BOOM!

WHA-BOOM!

REEEEEEEEEEEEEEK!

BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
KRA-KOOM!
AUGH!
=HUFF=
DOCTOR CAIN? TELL HUNTER HQ THAT THIS THING DOESN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN THE TOURISTS...
...IT'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE CITY!

IF WE DON'T STOP IT, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF...

DID YOU GET ALL THAT, SIGMA?

MAVERICK HUNTER HQ...

AFFIRMATIVE, DR. CAIN. SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING IN THE CHASM THAT CAN GIVE US INSIGHT INTO THE ANCIENT MAVERICK'S ARMAMENT.

SIGMA
LEADER OF THE HUNTERS

I WOULDN'T GO SO FAR AS TO LABEL IT "MAVERICK" JUST YET.

IT'S A ROGUE MECHANILOID THAT IS MENACING HUMANS. THAT IS THE VERY DEFINITION OF A MAVERICK.

ZERO. VILE. ASSEMBLE YOUR UNITS AND RENDEZVOUS WITH X. YOUR NAVIGATORS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE COORDINATES.

ZERO
17TH ELITE UNIT-- WARRIOR

X? IS HE HURT?

NO--HE IS YOUR CONTACT AND WILL APPRISE YOU OF THE SITUATION. YOU'RE TO MOVE OUT *IMMEDIATELY.*

VILE
17TH ELITE UNIT-- WEAPONS EXPERT

RRRRGH--STOP!

BLAM!

KRA:KA:KOOM!

BWOO-WIP

BWOO-WIP

TSK TSK. X, WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU?

IF YOU WANT TO HAVE THIS KIND OF FUN, YOU NEED TO JOIN THE HUNTERS.

ONLY *YOU* WOULD THINK THIS KIND OF THING IS "FUN."

MAN...LOOK AT THE *GUNS* ON THAT BABY. THEY SURE DON'T BUILD 'EM LIKE THAT ANYMORE.

FEELING INADEQUATE ?

HA! FEELING EXCITED, PRETTY BOY. FOR ONCE, I WON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK!

ENOUGH JOKING AROUND.

LISTEN UP, SUPPORT TEAMS! YOU ARE TO SURROUND THE TARGET AND HARASS IT FROM A DISTANCE. LEAVE THE MAIN FIGHTING TO ME AND VILE.

YES, SIR!

I WANT TO HELP, TOO.

YOU ALREADY HAVE. LET THE PROS HANDLE IT FROM HERE. YOU GET BACK TO THE MESA--

"--AND MAKE SURE DR. CAIN IS ALL RIGHT."

...HAS TO BE *SOMETHING* HERE ...HAVE TO MAKE THIS RIGHT...

WHAT'S THIS? A CLUE? OR A PIECE OF JUNK? IF ONLY I HAD MORE TIME TO FIGURE OUT...

"...WHAT HAPPENED HERE SO LONG AGO!"

HIDDEN MESA LAB. YEAR: 20XX...

MEGA MAN!

SHUNK!

MOVE! MOVE!

PHARAOH MAN
DR. COSSACK'S ARCHAEOLOGIST ROBOT

I THINK IT JUST KILLED MEGA MAN!

BRIGHT MAN
DR. COSSACK'S ILLUMINATING ROBOT

BAM!

I SURVIVED RA MOON.* I'M *NOT* GOING TO LET THIS THING TAKE ME DOWN!

MEGA MAN
DR. LIGHT'S SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT (AND SON!)

* SEE THE EPIC "BLACKOUT: THE CURSE OF RA MOON" STORY ARC FROM MEGA MAN 29-32!

RATATATA!

SO MUCH FOR MY HELMET. IF I CAN AT LEAST...

...OH, CRUD...

DOCTOR LIGHT! DOCTOR WILY! THE *WILY WALKER* IS ON-LINE! IT'S GOING TO TEAR US APART!

HOW DO WE STOP THIS THING ?!

MEGA MAN! THIS IS DR. WILY! GET TO THE COMMAND CONSOLE AND PUT IN THE CODE: 1755-8187-6486-2322!

GOT IT! PHARAOH MAN! I NEED COVERING FIRE, PLEASE!

KEEP YOUR HEAD LOW!

WOOSH

THANKS! *OKAY...OKAY... DONE!*

DEET

DEET

DEET

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RRRRRRRUMBLE!

THAT JUST OPENED THE DOORS TO THE OUTSIDE! YOU MADE ME LET IT LOOSE!

WHA-- NO!

I'M SORRY, MEGA MAN! IT'S BEEN **YEARS** SINCE I WORKED THERE! I **WILL** HELP YOU STOP THAT ABOMINATION!

BLAM!

TRY THIS NEXT CODE--

I *CAN'T!* IT BLEW UP THE TERMINAL!

WHAM!

LIGHT LABS...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? THAT SOUNDED LIKE A *NASTY* HIT!

I--I'M FINE...BUT WE CAN'T KEEP THIS UP FOR LONG!

DR. ALBERT W. WILY
(SUPPOSEDLY) REFORMED MAD SCIENTIST

DON'T BE SO MODEST! I'VE SEEN YOU IN ACTION. HANG IN THERE, KID! WE'RE WORKING ON A WAY TO HELP YOU RIGHT NOW!

*EVEN **IF** YOU SURVIVE THIS, I'LL SEND YOU ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE AFTER MY ROBOT MASTERS AND THE ENERGY ELEMENTS I HAD THEM STEAL. THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU WHILE MY NEWEST CASTLE IS FINISHED...*

*...AND IF **THEY** SHOULD ALL FALL, I'LL HAVE ONE LAST ACE UP MY SLEEVE BY THEN. NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU STRUGGLE, YOU LITTLE BLUE BRAT, I'M ONE STEP AHEAD OF--*

HOLD ON, MEGA MAN! WE'LL WORK AS FAST AS WE CAN, BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME!

DR. THOMAS LIGHT
MEGA MAN'S CREATOR (AND FATHER)

WE'LL TRY-- BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME WE CAN BUY YOU!

PHARAOH MAN! BRIGHT MAN! USE ITS LEGS TO BREAK ITS LINE OF FIRE! WE CAN'T LET IT FLANK US!

IT'S THE SIZE OF THE ROOM--WE'RE ALREADY FLANKED! IT'S TURNING AROUND TO LEAVE THE HANGAR!

*DOCTOR WILY SAID THIS THING HAD **CHEMICAL WEAPONS!** IF IT GETS OUTSIDE TO A POPULATED AREA...*

VRRRR

KABLAM!

BOOM!

CRRRRRRRRUMBLE!

THERE. NOW THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS SAFE!

AN ADMIRABLE SENTIMENT. HOWEVER...

"...THAT LEAVES *US* TRAPPED IN HERE WITH *IT!*"

MEANWHILE...

...WHY, YES, IT *COULD* BE OPERATIONAL BY THIS WEEK-END. IMAGINE! TIME-TRAVEL AT OUR VERY FINGERTIPS!

SEE YOU IN THE HISTORY BOOKS, AGENTS.

XANDER PAYNE
LEADER OF THE EMERALD SPEARS (ANTI-TECHNOLOGY TERRORISTS)

WE'LL TRY--BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME WE CAN BUY YOU.

YOU'VE GOTTEN IN MY WAY FOR THE LAST TIME!

WHAT... WHAT AM I SEEING...?!

DIE, MEGA MAN!

D-DO I KNOW YOU...?

NO. BUT I'VE *KNOWN* ABOUT *YOU* FOR LONGER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE...

IT'S ...TOO... MUCH ...!

WHAT IS--?

NO... HELP...!

WHATEVER IS HAPPENING TO ME SEEMS TO BE AFFECTING ME AT *ALL* POINTS IN *TIME.* AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP IT...

"TIME"? YES, THAT'S RIGHT ...I ESCAPED INTO THE TIME STREAM...

...BY *DESTROYING* THE GIANT ANOMALY THAT'S BEEN FOLLOWING US THIS WHOLE TIME, AND WHICH NOBODY BUT US SEEMS TO NOTICE.

I'M NOT OPPOSED TO BLOWING THINGS UP, BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THIS WON'T ERASE YOU FROM THE TIMELINE OR SOMETHING?

I DON'T.

IT'S A CHANCE I'M WILLING TO TAKE.

WAIT! *WAIT!* DON'T--!

FIRE!

AUGH!

EDITOR'S NOTE: SEEM FAMILIAR? SEE MEGA MAN GN VOLUME 5.

OOF! GOT YOU!

MEGA MAN...

...ANOTHER KIND OF ROBOT ...ATTACKING THE PEOPLE...

...AND A GIANT... TALKING ANIMAL?!

MY CHARGED SHOT SEEMS TO DISABLE ROBOTS LIKE HIM! BUT I'M NOT FAST ENOUGH TO--

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT. JUST REMEMBER WHICH ONE OF US YOU'RE AIMING FOR, KIDDO.

NO MORE... NO MORE... I CAN'T STAND IT...

VWWOW!

UGH ...GUH ...OH, MAN...

WHERE... *WHEN...?*

BOOM!

NO! *NO!* I FAILED! I FAILED TO STOP IT!

YEAR: 21XX...

IT'S HAPPENING...! THE ROBOT APOCALYPSE IS UPON US!

MEGA MAN—
ALIVE!
BUT FOR **HOW LONG?**
X—RETURNING TO
DR. CAIN AND THE **MYSTERY**
HE'S UNCOVERED!
XANDER—
A MAN OUT OF TIME,
LIVING HIS
NIGHTMARE!

IT ONLY GETS WILDER
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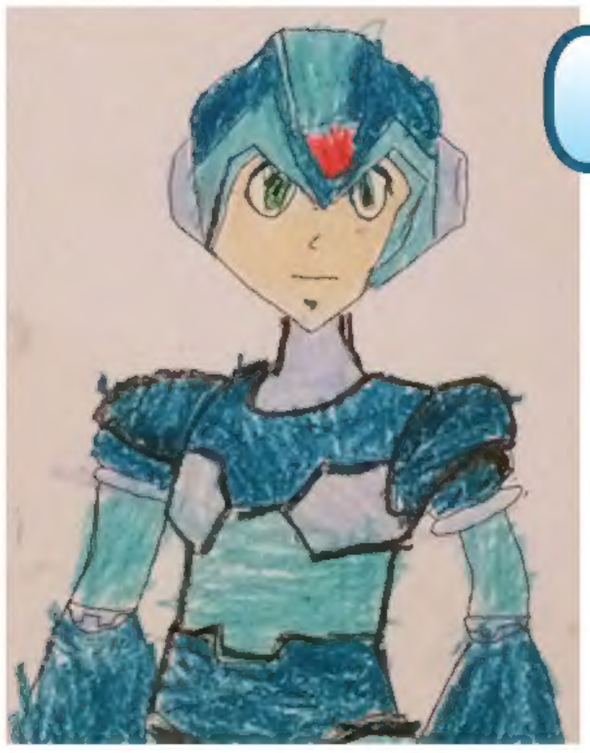

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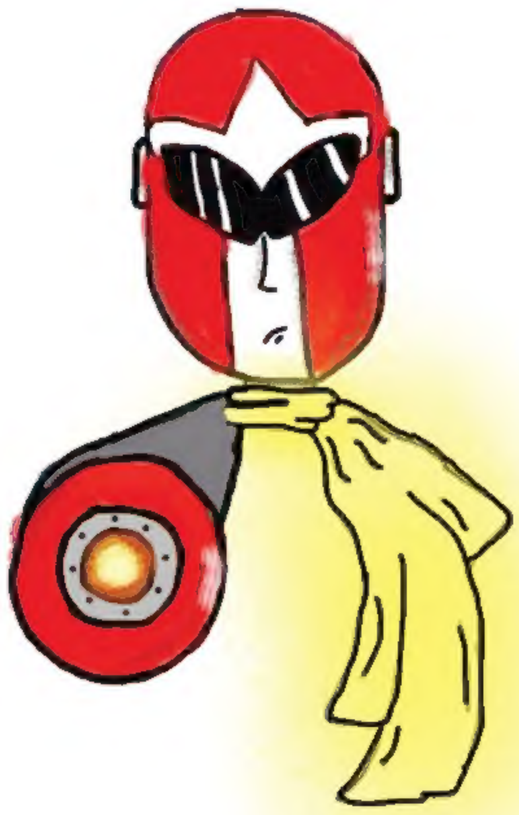

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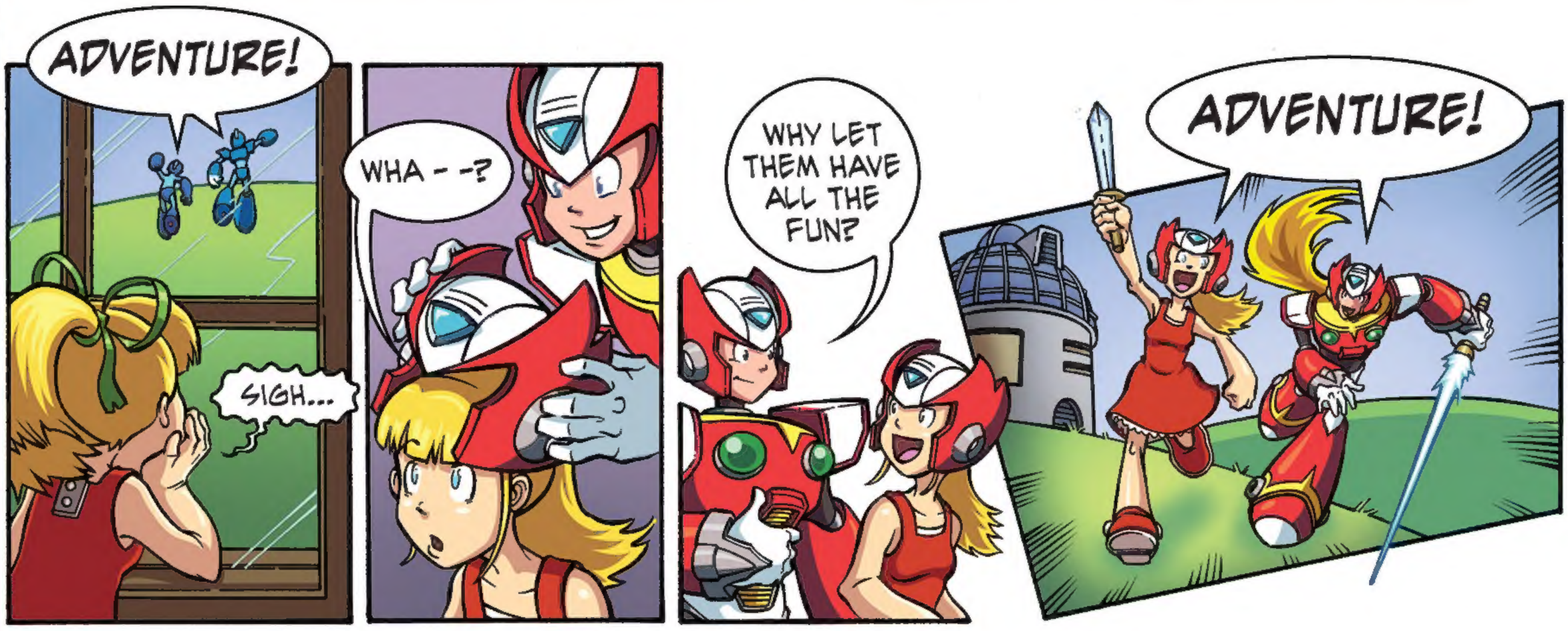

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Dear Mega-Mail,
I really liked issue #36 because it made Dr. Wily a more three dimensional villain, as opposed to the more typical mad scientist he's usually portrayed as.

Wily is a complicated guy. He's definitely made some bad decisions, and is certainly determined to be recognized for his genius through almost any means necessary. At the same time he has his limits to how much evil he does. It makes him tough to read. He certainly is a wily one, isn't he?! :D

A great thing about the series as a whole is how it brings the video game to life in a way no other adaptation has. It was great to see the construction of the DOC robot and Gamma (although admittedly people should stop building giant robots Dr. Wily can steal and use for global domination). It's a lot of fun to see the scenario for Mega Man 3 play out.

Yeah, the giant robots thing has always been a problem...

I liked Dr. Wily's moral crisis. He's truly flattered that Dr. Light is forgiving of him, but still willing to take advantage of the situation. This makes him a much more interesting villain if you can relate to him on some level.

One of the key factors of Dr. Wily's character is the history he's had with Dr. Light. They worked together and share a bond of respect for one another that still holds true now. Even though they are often at odds, Dr. Wily still has respect for his rival, but strongly desires to surpass him.

I like the "Time Stopper" moment where he gets to reflect on his dilemma for a moment. It was like something out of "A Christmas Carol".

What a great parallel! Now I'm getting ideas for a holiday special. Dr. Light is obviously Santa, just look at that beard and belly combo!

All in all, a great issue with an awesome characterization of the main villain.

Jonathan G. sent to MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Jonathan! We're glad to hear that you're digging the story so far.

Dr. Wily's actions will most definitely affect how things turn out in the future. There's more Dr. Wily goodness heading your way! Keep those eyes peeled!

Dear Mega-Mail,
So I read in the official Capcom blog about the "Dawn of X Fan Art Contest"...
Is it still running?

Thank ya!
Jacqueline M. sent to MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing to us, Jacqueline! Yes the "Dawn of X Fan Art Contest" is still running! Get your entry in by July 1st to participate. For the full details on the rules and how/where to send your art, check out the nifty flyer within this very comic book!

That's all the room we have! We'll see y'all next time for "Dawn of X" part three of four!

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